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1 3 AN ACT  
1 4 REQUIRING ESTABLISHMENT OF COUNTY CHILD PROTECTION ASSISTANCE  
1 5 TEAMS.

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1 7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 9 Section 1. Section 232.71B, subsection 3, Code 2003, is  
1 10 amended to read as follows:

1 11 3. INVOLVEMENT OF LAW ENFORCEMENT. The department shall  
1 12 ~~apply a protocol protocols, developed with representatives of~~  
1 13 ~~law enforcement agencies at the local level the local child~~  
1 14 ~~protection assistance team established pursuant to section~~  
1 15 ~~915.35, to prioritize the actions taken in response to child~~  
1 16 ~~abuse reports and to work jointly with child protection~~  
1 17 ~~assistance teams and~~ law enforcement agencies in performing  
1 18 assessment and investigative processes for child abuse reports  
1 19 in which a criminal act harming a child is alleged. The  
1 20 county attorney and appropriate law enforcement agencies shall  
1 21 also take any other lawful action which may be necessary or  
1 22 advisable for the protection of the child. If a report is  
1 23 determined not to constitute a child abuse allegation, but a  
1 24 criminal act harming a child is alleged, the department shall  
1 25 immediately refer the matter to the appropriate law  
1 26 enforcement agency.

1 27 Sec. 2. Section 235A.15, subsection 2, paragraph b, Code  
1 28 2003, is amended by adding the following new subparagraph:  
1 29 NEW SUBPARAGRAPH. (10) To the child protection assistance  
1 30 team established in accordance with section 915.35 for the  
1 31 county in which the report was made.

1 32 Sec. 3. Section 331.756, Code 2003, is amended by adding  
1 33 the following new subsection:

1 34 NEW SUBSECTION. 83B. Establish a child protection  
1 35 assistance team in accordance with section 915.35.

2 1 Sec. 4. Section 915.35, subsection 4, Code 2003, is  
2 2 amended to read as follows:

2 3 4. a. ~~To the greatest extent possible, a~~  
2 4 ~~multidisciplinary A child protection assistance team involving~~  
2 5 ~~the county attorney, law enforcement personnel, community-~~  
2 6 ~~based child advocacy organizations, and personnel of the~~  
2 7 ~~department of human services shall be established for each~~  
2 8 ~~county by the county attorney. However, by mutual agreement,~~  
2 9 ~~two or more county attorneys may establish a single child~~  
2 10 ~~protection assistance team to cover a multicounty area. A~~  
2 11 ~~child protection assistance team, to the greatest extent~~  
2 12 ~~possible, may be consulted in cases involving a forcible~~  
2 13 ~~felony against a child who is less than age fourteen in which~~  
2 14 ~~the suspected offender is the person responsible for the care~~  
2 15 ~~of a child, as defined in section 232.68. A child protection~~  
2 16 ~~assistance team may also be utilized in investigating and~~  
2 17 ~~prosecuting cases involving a violation of chapter 709 or 726~~  
2 18 ~~or other crime committed upon a victim as defined in~~  
2 19 ~~subsection 1.~~

2 20 b. ~~A multidisciplinary child protection assistance team~~  
2 21 ~~may also consult with or include juvenile court officers,~~  
2 22 ~~medical and mental health professionals, physicians or other~~  
2 23 ~~hospital-based health professionals, court-appointed special~~  
2 24 ~~advocates, guardians ad litem, and members of a~~  
2 25 ~~multidisciplinary team created by the department of human~~  
2 26 ~~services for child abuse investigations. A child protection~~  
2 27 ~~assistance team may work cooperatively with the local~~  
2 28 ~~community empowerment area board established under section~~  
2 29 ~~28.6. The child protection assistance team shall work with~~  
2 30 ~~the department of human services in accordance with section~~  
2 31 ~~232.71B, subsection 3, in developing the protocols for~~  
2 32 ~~prioritizing the actions taken in response to child abuse~~  
2 33 ~~reports and for law enforcement agencies working jointly with~~  
2 34 ~~the department at the local level in processes for child abuse~~  
2 35 ~~reports. The department of justice may provide training and~~  
3 1 ~~other assistance to support the activities of a~~  
3 2 ~~multidisciplinary child protection assistance team referred to~~  
3 3 ~~in this subsection.~~

3 4 Sec. 5. IMPLEMENTATION OF ACT. Section 25B.2, subsection  
3 5 3, shall not apply to this Act.

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President of the Senate

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Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that this bill originated in the Senate and  
is known as Senate File 353, Eightieth General Assembly.

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Approved \_\_\_\_\_, 2003

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